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Volunteers Needed for COVID-19 Food Distribution Efforts in Talbot County

Despite returning to a new level of normalcy in our lives as we deal with COVID-19, there is still an ongoing need for food assistance throughout our communities in Talbot County. As many people have returned to work, there is also a need for volunteers to help with current food distribution efforts. Employees from Easton Utilities answered the call for volunteers and organized 10 of their staff to assist with the food distribution on August 21 at a pop-up pantry at Talbot County Business Center. These volunteers joined Talbot County Emergency Operations, Talbot Local Care Team, Maryland Food Bank, and CarePacks to serve 151 families (479 individuals). Gay's Seafood of Easton also generously donated the use of a refrigerated truck for the distribution.

Easton Utilities participates in the weekly call for the Talbot County Emergency Operations Committee and learned of the need for volunteers. "As a continued display of our commitment to this community, we were proud to help serve our neighbors and realized how rewarding this experience can be," stated Vicki L. Petro, Director of Human Resources for Easton Utilities.

According to Jan Willis, Coordinator of the Local Care Team for Talbot County, who managed the Emergency Operations Center Feeding Task Force, there is currently a need for both individual and group volunteers. She states, "If you have an organization or group that would like to volunteer at a food distribution event, we need your help. We continue to have pop-up drive-through events throughout the County. Individuals should be able to lift 25 pounds."

To sign up as a volunteer, visit www.talbotcovid19.org. To sign up a group to volunteer, email Jan Willis at Talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov.

Captions:



#1: Pictured are volunteers from Easton Utilities helping with food distribution at a pop-up drive-through food pantry at Talbot County Business Center in Easton.



#2: Pictured is a truck from Gay's Seafood which helped with food storage at a recent pop-up food distribution.

Talbot County Food Pantries

Neighborhood Service Center 410-822-5015

126 Port St. Easton, MD 21601

St. Stephen's AME

9467 Unionville Rd. Easton, MD 21601

St. Vincent de Paul 410-770-4505

29533 Canvasback Dr. Easton, MD 21601

Harvest of Hope- Church of God 410-822-3088

Church of God 1009 N. Washington St. Easton, MD 21601

For Over 60 Only Senior Center Pop Up Pantry 410-822-2869

400 Brooklett's Ave., Easton MD

Homeless Food Available at the Neighborhood Service Center, Ridgeway Transitional Shelter (410-820-7013) and St. Michaels Community Center

Bay Hundred Area

Royal Oak United Methodist

6968 Bellevue Rd. Royal Oak, MD 21662

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

5642 Poplar Lane, Bellevue, Royal Oak, MD

St. Michaels Christ Church

103 Willow St., St. Michaels, MD

St. Michaels Community Center 410-745-6073

103 Railroad Ave. St. Michaels, MD 21663

New St. John's United Methodist

9123 Tilghman Island Rd. Wittman, MD 21676

Tilghman Food Pantry 410-886-2009, 410-886-9863

5731 Tilghman Island Rd. Tilghman, MD 21671

Where to Find More Information

- o CDC COVID-2019 Website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Talbot County COVID-19 Information <u>www.talbotcovid19.org</u>
- Shore Regional Health COVID Information https://www.umms.org/shore/patients-visitors/coronavirus
- o Maryland Department of Health Website: https://health.maryland.gov/pages/home.aspx
- Talbot County Health Department Website:
 https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/Pages/home.aspx
- o Maryland COVID-19 Website: https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus